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REMARKS

The Examiner noted in the Restriction Requirement mailed January 27, 2006 that the above-identified application contains claims directed to the following patentably distinct species of the claimed invention:

Species I – directed to Figures 2A-2C and a vending machine having a flag member (77).

Species II – directed to Figures 3A-3C and a vending machine having a flag member (77).

In response to the restriction requirement, Applicant elects Species I. Applicant respectfully submits that at least Claims 1-15, 19 and 21-28 read on Species I. Applicant acknowledges the Examiner's statement that Claims 1-4, 21-24 and 28 are currently deemed generic.

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Respectfully submitted,

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